

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A stir stick assembly, comprising a stir stick body having a control end and a stirring end opposite the control end, the stir stick body having a plurality of sections that are detachably mated together, the stir stick body defining a passageway extending from the control end to the stirring end, and a detachable cap at the control end of the passageway.

2. The stir stick assembly of claim 1 wherein the plurality of sections comprises a first section and a second section detachably mateable with the first section.

3. The stir stick assembly of claim 2 wherein the first section comprises a first interlocking member and the second section comprises a second interlocking member that corresponds to and mates with the first interlocking member.

4. The stir stick assembly of claim 1, further comprising means for detachably mating the first section and the second section.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ stir stick assembly, comprising: of claim 3

a stir stick body having a control end and a stirring end opposite the control end;

the stir stick body comprising a first section with a first interlocking member and a second section having a second interlocking member;

wherein the first interlocking member comprises a channel having a narrow end and a wide end, and the second interlocking member comprises a protrusion having a narrow end and a wide end, wherein the second interlocking member slidably engages the first interlocking member, and wherein in an assembled state, the narrow end of the protrusion is substantially aligned with the narrow end of the channel.

6. (Currently Amended) The stir stick assembly of claim 5 ~~1~~, further comprising a cap adapted to fit the control end of the stir stick body.

7. (Currently Amended) The stir stick assembly of claim ~~6~~ 1 wherein the cap interlocks with the stir stick body.

8. (Currently Amended) The stir stick assembly of claim ~~6~~ 1 further comprising interlocking means for removably attaching the cap to the stir stick body.

9. (Currently Amended) A stir stick assembly for use with a blender apparatus for mixing the contents therein, the blender apparatus having a lid with an opening therein, the stir stick assembly comprising means for stirring the contents of the blender apparatus and a detachable cap, wherein the stirring means extends through the opening in the blender lid and wherein the stirring means defines a

passageway therethrough, wherein the passageway extends from a first end of the stirring means to a second end, and wherein the detachable cap attaches at a first end of the stirring means.

10. The stir stick assembly of claim 9 wherein the stirring means comprises a stir stick body having a control end and a stirring end, opposite the control end, wherein the control end is positioned on a first side of the blender lid, and the stirring end is positioned at a second side of the blender lid, the stir stick body having a plurality of sections that are detachably mated together.

11. The stir stick assembly of claim 10 wherein the diameter of the opening is larger than a diameter of the stir stick body, and wherein the stir stick body comprises a collar extending therefrom.

12. (Currently Amended) The stir stick assembly of claim 11 ~~10~~ wherein the plurality of sections comprises a first section and second section mateable with the first section.

13. The stir stick assembly of claim 11 wherein the first section comprises a first interlocking member and the second section comprises a second interlocking member that corresponds to and mates with the first interlocking member.

14. The stir stick assembly of claim 12 further comprising means for detachably mating the first and second sections.

15. (Currently Amended) A The stir stick assembly of claim 13 in combination with a blender apparatus, the combination comprising:

a blender apparatus having a lid with an opening therein;

the stir stick assembly comprising a stir stick body extending through the opening of the blender lid, the stir stick body having a control end and a stirring end opposite the control end, wherein the control end is positioned on a first side of the blender lid, and the stirring end is positioned on a second side of the blender lid;

the stir stick body comprising a first section with a first interlocking member and a second section with a second interlocking member;

wherein the first interlocking member comprises a channel having a narrow end and a wide end, and the second interlocking member comprises a protrusion having a narrow end and a wide end, wherein the second interlocking member slidably engages the first interlocking member, and wherein in an assembled state, the narrow end of the protrusion is substantially aligned with the narrow end of the channel.

16. The stir stick assembly of claim 15 wherein the first interlocking member comprises a seal edge that contacts an outermost edge of the second interlocking member.

17. (Currently Amended) The stir stick assembly of claim 15 ~~10~~, further comprising a cap adapted to fit the control end of the stir stick body and the opening of the blender lid.

18. (Currently Amended) A stir stick assembly for use with a blender apparatus for mixing the contents therein, the blender apparatus having a lid with an opening therein, the stir stick assembly comprising a stir stick body extending through the blender lid opening, the stir stick body having a control end and a stirring end opposite the control end, the stir stick body having a plurality of sections that are detachably mated together and defining a passageway extending from the control end to the stirring end, and a detachable cap at the control end of the passageway.

19. The stir stick assembly of claim 18 wherein the plurality of sections comprises a first section and second section mateable with the first section, wherein the first section comprises a first interlocking member and the second section comprises a second interlocking member that corresponds to and mates with the first interlocking member.

20. The stir stick assembly of claim 18 further plurality of sections.